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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - FAO DRAFT RESOLUTION
AT 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC

1. FAO CONSULTANT SANTA CRUZ, IN CHARGE OF PREPARATION
FOR COMING CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT APPROACHED US DEL MORNING OF JULY 11 WITH
DRAFT OF RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT SECOND REGULAR
SESSION OF ECOSOC. HE INDICATED HE HOPED TO SECURE
COSPONSORSHIP OF YUGOSLAVIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,
NETHERLANDS, COLOMBIA, AND OTHERS. HE ASKED US DEL
IF US WOULD COSPONSOR. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT
RESOLUTION.

2. "THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED
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RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1967 (LIX) OF 30 JULY 1975
ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOLUTION 1978/34 ON WOMEN
IN DEVELOPMENT;

NOTING THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN CONVENED BY FAO FOR
EIGHT WORKING DAYS, BEGINNING ON 12 JULY 1979;

CONSCIOUS OF THE DISTRESSING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN THE RURAL AREAS OF MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHERE A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY;

AWARE THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLEMENTS THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON RELATED SUBJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED IN RECENT YEARS BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, AND HAS AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER;

(1) ENDORSES THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE FAO CONFERENCE THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD FOCUS MAINLY ON KEY ISSUES, IN PARTICULAR THE QUESTION OF WHAT INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES ARE NEEDED FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND SHOULD RESULT IN WELL-DEFINED AND ACTION-ORIENTED PROGRAMMES WHICH WOULD ENHANCE INVESTMENT IN THE RURAL AREAS, INCREASE PRODUCTION AND RAISE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STANDARDS OF THE RURAL POOR;

(2) TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE CLOSE COOPERATION ESTABLISHED BETWEEN FAO, THE UNITED NATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND THE OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE;

(3) WELCOMES THE ACTION TAKEN BY A GREAT NUMBER OF STATES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONFERENCE BY PRESENTING COUNTRY REVIEW PAPERS ANALYSING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND OUTLINING THEIR FUTURE PROGRAMMES IN THIS FIELD;

(4) URGES ALL STATES MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE, AND TO ARRANGE REPRESENTATION AT A HIGH LEVEL TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY CHARACTER OF THE SUBJECT MATTER."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: US DEL REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ADVISE WHETHER US CAN COSPONSOR DRAFT RESOLUTION. VANDEN HEUVEL UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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